



Clinical Congress News

The American College of Surgeons • 84th Clinical Congress • October 25-30, 1998 • Orlando

Presidential Address

Our profession and human rights: Inextricably linked

The medical profession in particular is being transformed as society moves into a knowledge-based epoch, characterized by a richness of information, scientific advances, a proliferation of technology, and a corporate orientation," George F. Sheldon, MD, FACS, the newly installed President of the College said in his Presidential Address last evening at the Convocation ceremonies.

Dr. Sheldon continued, saying that, "It is the contention of this presentation that ethical codes are the major characteristics that differentiate occupations from professions." In order for a profession to survive, Dr. Sheldon said, five characteristics, understood within the context of a covenant between physician, patient, and society, are necessary for the profession: (1) engagement in social service; (2) special education, training, and a high degree of knowledge; (3) an ability to apply the knowledge; (4) autonomy; and (5) a body of ethics.

Dr. Sheldon cautioned that there are many threats confronting the profession of medicine, "Patients are labeled clients, customers, or consumers, assuming a business relationship that is at odds with the service ideal and corporate in terminology, as well as culture," he said. Dr.

Sheldon pointed out that adding to this divisive corporate spirit are controversial issues, such as euthanasia, birth control, and cloning, which "may have a different resolution in a corporate as opposed to a professional ethical culture."

Influencing the medical profession's code of ethics, Dr. Sheldon said, are many factors, such as the Judeo-Christian religion, the Kantian Ethic, the libertarianism of American pluralism, and the Greek ethic of classical thought. "An additional and newer influence is the human rights movement, in which a fundamental concept is that the decisions are made autonomously by informed patients," he said.

Dr. Sheldon then outlined the history of medical ethics and patient rights, beginning with the Code of Hammurabi, King of Babylon (1792-1750 BCE), and continuing through 20th century patient protection activities.

After tracing the history of ethics regarding patients, Dr. Sheldon discussed the history of human rights and its inclusion into codes and precepts, beginning with the Magna Carta in 1215. Dr. Sheldon said that "Human dignity is a historical right, which has evolved from many religions, philosophical schools, and traditions....It is the most ancient of the ethical tenets."

Applying the historical portion of his address to present day problems in medicine, Dr. Sheldon said that "Professional ethical codes that have absorbed religious and cultural values assume authority when they become law. The human rights movement is central to late 20th century law affecting professional values."

With the defeat of President Clinton's Health Security Act, Dr. Sheldon said, the way for health care reform to be subsumed by corporate America was paved. He also pointed out that there is a "conflict between professional and business ethics" and that there is a need for significant federal legislation.

When exploring areas of greatest federal need, Dr. Sheldon said, "The fundamental issue requiring resolution is to ensure universal access to a basic level of health care." Other issues, he said, include confidentiality, rationing, and application of technology.

Dr. Sheldon then made recommendations for surgeons who wish to perpetuate the values of their profession: "Human rights as a meeting ground and goal of basic health care is a starting point for resolution of both general and specific challenges to health care ethics....A human rights culture can reconcile the ethical dilemma of the corporate and business culture." He also said that, "If a Patients'

Bill of Rights becomes law, it should be accompanied by specific federal regulations."

Dr. Sheldon proffered predictions for the future of managed care; it will not remain in its current form, but will likely evolve, he said. Although cost consciousness and outcome justification will remain, he said, the evolving health care system will "add a priority for universal access, quality, and choice."

Dr. Sheldon concluded his Presidential Address with a quotation from C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, ACS Past President and former Director:

"In both the ancient and recent past, the problem for the physician has been maintaining a true fiduciary relationship with the patient. The Fellowship Pledge of the ACS states...I pledge myself to pursue the practice of surgery with honesty and to place the welfare and rights of the patient above all else.' Faithful adherence to such a pledge will do more to maintain the reputation of our profession than many pages of philosophical thought." (*Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, Jan. 1998, pgs. 41-49).

The complete text of Dr. Sheldon's Presidential Address will appear in the December issue of the ACS Bulletin, along with other Clinical Congress highlights.

Dr. Thompson named ACS President-Elect

James C. Thompson, MD, FACS, of Galveston, TX, the 1996 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award—the College's highest honor—was named President-Elect yesterday afternoon at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates that took place in the Orange County Convention Center. Dr. Thompson is currently Ashbel Smith Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Galveston.

As a Fellow of the College, Dr. Thompson has served the ACS in numerous capacities. He has been a member of the Board of Governors; President of the South Texas Chapter; Chair of the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems; Chair of the Surgical Research and Education Committee; and a member of the Nominating Committee

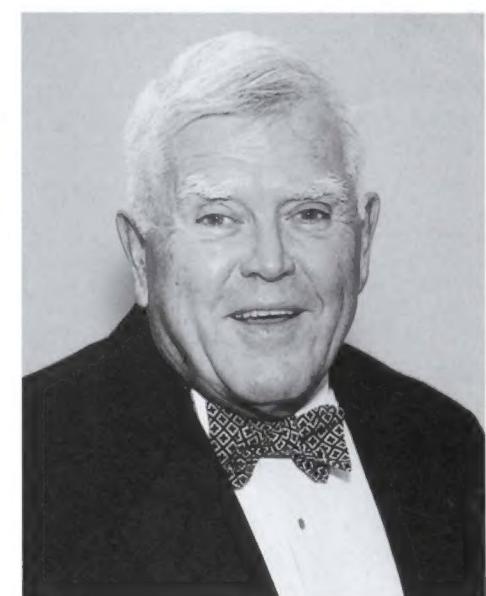
of the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee of the Program Committee, the Scholarships Committee, and the Conjoint Council on Surgical Research. In addition, Dr. Thompson serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*.

Dr. Thompson earned a medical degree in 1951, and an MA degree (anatomy/endocrinology) in 1952, from UTMB, Galveston. He served as a member of the US Army Medical Corps from 1954 to 1956, and he served on the surgical service at Valley Forge Army Hospital from December 1954 to January 1955.

Dr. Thompson continued his medical career at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he was an instructor of surgery and the Albert and Mary Lasker Fellow from July 1958

to June 1959. He was assistant professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania from July 1961 to June 1963. Dr. Thompson was the recipient of the National Institutes of Health Career Development Award from July 1961 to June 1962, and he served as associate professor of surgery at University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine from July 1963 to June 1967.

From July 1967 to March 1970, Dr. Thompson was professor of surgery at UCLA School of Medicine. Dr. Thompson began his tenure at the UTMB, Galveston, in April 1970, where he served as professor and chairman of the department of surgery until June 1995. In addition to his current appoint-



(continued on page 2)

Dr. Thompson

Dr. McGinnis receives top ACS honor

The Distinguished Service Award—the highest honor awarded by the American College of Surgeons—was presented to LaMar S. McGinnis, Jr., MD, FACS, of Atlanta, GA, at the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates yesterday afternoon.

Throughout his career, Dr. McGinnis has been acknowledged as a surgical leader who is dedicated to his patients, to the community, and to advancing the science and skills of the surgical profession. His principal interests are cancer treatment and research.

As a Fellow of the College, Dr. McGinnis has served the College in numerous capacities. He has been a member of the ACS Board of Governors and chaired several Board of Governor Committees, including the Chapter Activities Committee; the Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals and its Subcommittee on AIDS; and the Nominating Committee. At the state level, he has served as President and Secretary

of the Board of Directors of the Georgia State Chapter. In addition, Dr. McGinnis has served as a member of the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer since 1980, where he has held various positions, including Chair of the Committee on Cancer Liaison, Chair of the Executive Committee, and he has been a member of the Commission's Executive and Education Committees. He has served as a member of other College committees, including the Development Committee and the CPT/Relative Work Value Committee. Dr. McGinnis currently serves as the American College of Surgeons' delegate to the American Medical Association's House of Delegates.

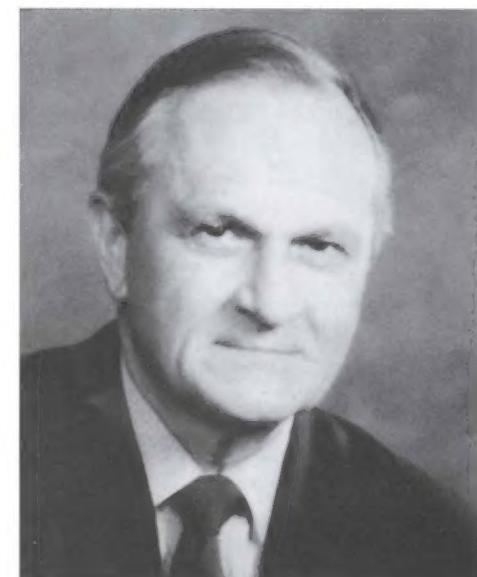
In presenting this award to Dr. McGinnis, the Board of Regents highly commended him for his outstanding contributions to cancer treatment and research, his dedicated service to the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, his contributions to

the College, his service to organized surgery at the state level, and his contributions to surgery in general.

A 1954 graduate of the Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Dr. McGinnis served in the United States Air Force as chief, professional services, and chief, surgical services, at the USAF Hospital, in Plattsburgh (NY) Air Force Base (S.A.C.), from 1959 to 1963. Today, he serves as a clinical professor of surgery at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, and he is the medical director of the Eberhart Cancer Center at DeKalb Medical Center, Decatur, GA.

Dr. McGinnis has also served as vice-president and president of the American Cancer Society. He has authored more than 25 publications, and he has presented numerous lectures and courses on a variety of topics, including breast cancer, cancer management, alternative cancer therapies, and HIV infection and the surgeon.

The College's Board of Regents is



Dr. McGinnis

pleased to recognize Dr. McGinnis' outstanding contributions by naming him the 1998 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

DR. THOMPSON, from page 1

ment as Ashbel Smith Professor in the department of surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Dr. Thompson is professor in the department of physiology and biophysics, a position he has held since March 1975.

He received the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Merit Award in 1986 for his investigation of basic and applied principles of gastrointestinal endocrinology and physiology. He has authored or co-authored more than 1,200 publications.

In other actions taken yesterday, the Fellows named Thomas J. Krizek, MD, FACS, Tampa, FL, as First Vice-President-Elect, and Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS, Syracuse, NY, as Second Vice-President-Elect.

Dr. Krizek is professor and vice-chairman, department of surgery, and director, division of plastic surgery, at the University of South Florida, Tampa. He served as member of the Board of Regents from 1988 to 1997, and has served on numerous ACS committees, including the Governors' Committee on Physicians' Health, the Regents' Committee on Ethics, and the Committee on Fundamental Surgical Problems (Surgical Forum).

Dr. Numann is SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor and professor of surgery, SUNY Health Science Center, Syracuse, NY. She currently serves on the ACS Commission on Cancer and Committee on Graduate Medical Education.



Dr. Krizek



Dr. Numann

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

ACS Insurance Program

American Medical Industries

American Medical Software

Appleton & Lange

BFW, Inc.

Circon Corporation

Closure Medical Group

Davol, Inc.

Electroscope

General Surgical Innovation

Horizon Medical Products

Lone Star Medical

ME-92 Operations

Medtronics

Megadyne

Moss Tubes

Pfizer, Inc.

U.S. Surgical

Valley Lab

Zeneca Pharmaceuticals

Clinical Congress News

VOLUME 49 NUMBER 5

Editor

Stephen J. Regnier

Associate Editor

Jennifer F. Herendeen

Photography Editor

Tina Woelke

Director of Communications

Linn Meyer

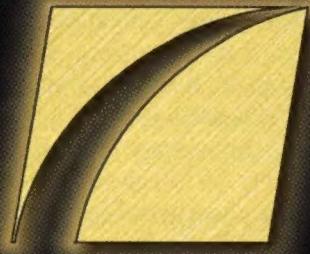
Photography

Chuck Giorno Photography

Published daily October 25-30

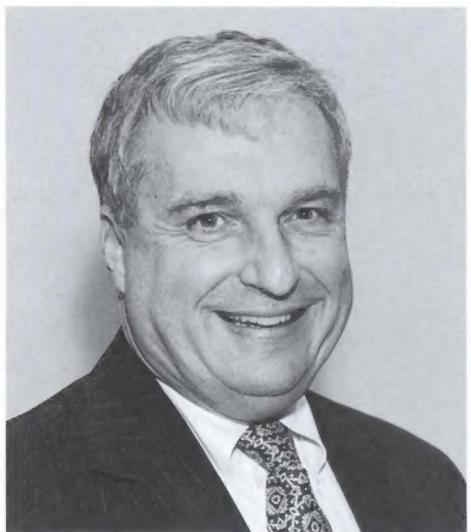
Office: Hall A4

Orange County Convention Center

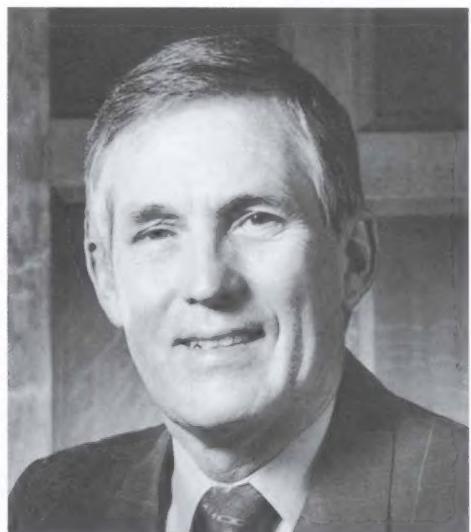


TROVANTM

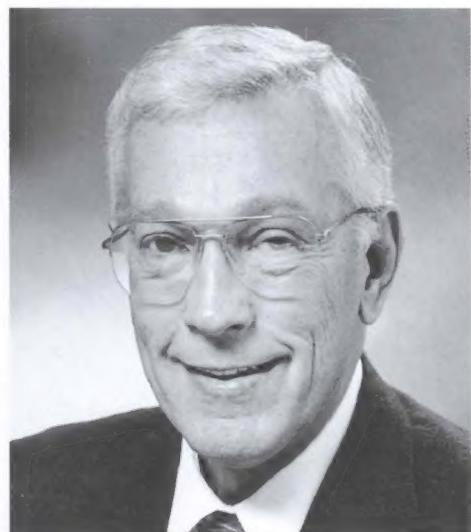
(trovafloxacin)



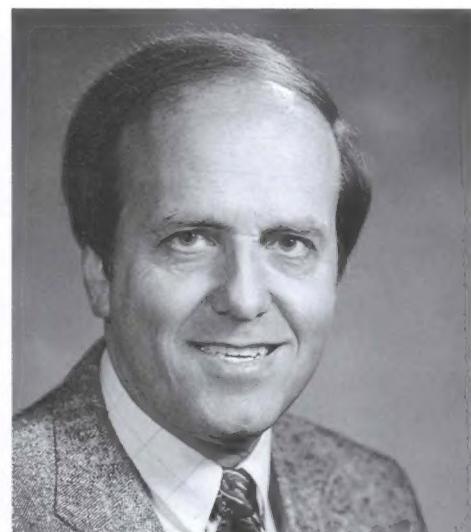
Dr. Coles



Dr. McAninch



Dr. Nahrwold



Dr. Webb

By Board of Governors

ACS Regents and Governors named

The ACS Board of Governors has elected William H. Coles, MD, FACS, Jack W. McAninch, MD, FACS, David L. Nahrwold, MD, FACS, and Maurice J. Webb, MD, FACS, as Regents of the College.

Dr. Coles is professor of surgery at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and director of the Institute of Health Care Assessment, Buffalo, NY. He currently serves as Chair of the ACS Advisory Council on Ophthalmic Surgery, and has served on the Program Committee and the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems. He will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. McAninch is professor of urology, University of California-San Francisco, and chief of urology, San Francisco General Hospital. He has served as an ACS Governor since 1992, and been a member of the Advisory Council for Urology, Program Committee, Committee on Trauma, and Governors' Committee on Blood-Borne Pathogens. He will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Nahrwold is executive associate dean and professor of surgery, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, IL. He has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1992, and has served as Chair and Vice-Chair. He has also been a member of the Program Committee, Nominating Committee of Fellows, Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, Committee on Development, and has served as the ACS Representative to the American Board of Surgery. He will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Dr. Webb is professor and chair, division of gynecologic surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. He has served on the Program Committee and currently serves on the Pre- and Postoperative Care Committee, the Committee on Medical Motion Pictures, and the Committee of Advisory Council Chairs. He will serve an initial three-year term as Regent.

Reelected to additional three-year terms as Regents were C. James Carrico, MD, FACS, and Bernard Langer, MD, FACS.

The Board of Governors elected Amilu S. Rothhammer, MD, FACS, to a one-year term as Chair; Paul Friedmann, MD,

FACS, to a one-year term as Vice-Chair; and William F. Sasser, MD, FACS, to a one-year term as Secretary.

In other actions, the Board of Governors named Barbara L. Bass, MD, FACS, and J. Patrick O'Leary, MD, FACS, to initial two-year terms on the Executive Committee. Dr. Bass is professor and vice-chair of surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD. Dr. O'Leary is the Isidore Cohn, Jr., Professor and chairman of the department of surgery, Medical Center Louisiana, New Orleans, LA.

In addition, the following individuals were elected Governors:

Governors-at-Large

Lewis Sellers III, Alabama; Steven Floerchinger, Alaska; William Schiller, Arizona; George Ajalat, California; Stanley Klein, California; Peter McCart, California; Lawrence Wagman, California; Ralph Ocampo, California; John Russell, Connecticut (for a two-year unexpired term ending in 2000); Edward Rankin, Washington, DC; Charles Yeagle, Florida; Duane Hutson, Sr., Florida; John Moenning, Florida; Charles Cox, Florida; William Wood, Georgia; Scott Hundahl, Hawaii; Kent Kreuder, Idaho; Donald Ross, Illinois; James Madura, Indiana (for a two-year unexpired term ending in 2000); Robert Inlow, Indiana; Eugene Shively, Kentucky; Lynn Harrison, Jr., Louisiana; William Scovall, Maryland (for a one-year unexpired term ending in 1999); Laurance Hill, Maryland (for a two-year unexpired term ending in 2000); Desmond Birkett, Massachusetts; John Crighton, Missouri; Robert Harry, Nebraska; Roger Evans, New Hampshire; Donald Brief, New Jersey; Milton Gumbs, New York; Antonio Alfonso, New York; Massoud Eghrari, New York; John Rahoche, New York; Howard Holderness, Jr., North Carolina; Richard Furman, North Carolina; William Sternfeld, Ohio; Forrest Mischler, Pennsylvania (for a one-year unexpired term ending in 1999); Reynold Lopez-Enriquez, Puerto Rico; Carl Sweatman, Jr., South Carolina; Harold Fromm, South Dakota; Karl Jonas, Jr., Tennessee; Andrew Rittenberry, Jr., Tennessee; Erwin Thal, Texas; William Purkert, Virginia; Rene

Lafreniere, Alberta, Canada; Laurence Turner, British Columbia, Canada; Robin McLeod, Ontario, Canada; Andre Duranceau, Quebec, Canada.

Specialty Governors

Fred Stucker, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery; Michael Maves, American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Inc.; Moritz Ziegler, American Academy of Pediatrics; Barbara Bass, Association for Academic Surgery; Charles Lucas, American Association for the Surgery of Trauma; Fred Crawford, American Association for Thoracic Surgery (for a two-year unexpired term ending in 2000); Thomas Wachtel, American Burn Association; Biemann Othersen, Jr., American Pediatric Surgical Association; Maj. Gen. John Parker, Army Liaison to the ACS Board of Governors; John Daly, American Surgical Association; Gaspar Anastasi, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Inc.; Ronald Berggren, American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons; Ronald Ferguson, American Society of Transplant Surgeons; Richard Williams, American Urological Association; Gary Giangola, Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society; Rudolph Danzinger,

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; Frederick Greene, Society for American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons; Edward Partridge, Society of Gynecologic Oncologists; Donald Fry, Surgical Infection Society; Glenn Morrison, Southern Neurosurgical Society; Robert Stephens, Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract; Raphael Pollock, Society of Surgical Oncology; William Sasser, Southern Thoracic Surgical Association; Dana Andersen, Society of University Surgeons; Bruce Brener, Society for Vascular Surgery; Frederick McGuire, Sr., Triological Society (for a one-year unexpired term ending in 1999).

International Governors

Aldo Bracco, Argentina; Stephen Deane, Australia; Augusto Paulino-Netto, Brazil; Ricardo Sonneborn, Chile; Angel Serrano, Ecuador; John Papadimitriou, Greece; S.M. Ahmadizadeh, Iran; Thomas Keaveny, Ireland; Ruben Orda, Israel; Licinio Angelini, Italy; Yasuo Idezuki, Japan; Francisco Cardoza-Macias, Mexico; Rene Villarreal, Mexico; Abdiel Marengo, Panama; Luis Leon, Peru; Jean-Claude Givel, Switzerland; Naronk Rodwarna, Thailand; Eduardo Souchon, Venezuela.

Allied Meetings

Friday

Evening

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons-Executive Council

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Meeting
OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 14, Floor Mezzanine

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons-Executive Council

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Dinner
OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 13, Floor Mezzanine

Saturday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons - Executive Council Meeting

7:30 am - 1:00 pm. Meeting
OMNI Rosen Hotel, Salon 13, Floor Mezzanine

Registration totals

As of Thursday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 15,989; 8,279 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.